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**From:** Owen, Susan [sowen@chevron.com]  
**Sent:** 2/14/2018 6:51:37 PM  
**To:** Basinger, David [Basinger.David@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Response: USEPA Region IX: response requested within three business days of receipt

Mr. Basinger –

Thank you for notifying Chevron U.S.A. Inc., (Chevron) about the November 21, 2017 FOIA request seeking certain reports that are required by NSPS OOOOa and for allowing Chevron the opportunity to respond. Chevron's San Joaquin Valley Upstream Business Unit (SJVBU) has one NSPS OOOOa report that is responsive to the FOIA request. On October 18, 2017, SJVBU submitted its "Initial NSPS Subpart OOOOa Annual Report – Leak Detection," (LDAR Report) as required by 40 CFR Section 60.5420a(b). No CBI was identified in the LDAR Report and the company is not waiving its right to claim CBI with respect to any other documents. However, for the reasons noted below, we request that all individual's names and personal information be redacted in any document ultimately released by EPA.

Section 60.5420a(b) requires the name of the operator performing each monitoring survey and certification by a certifying official. In addition, but not required by the rule, Chevron identifies a person as the "Report Preparer." The identity of the LDAR operator, the certifying official and the report preparer is not CBI but should be exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6), allowing for exemption of personal information when disclosure could constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The disclosure of operator names, certifying officials and report preparers is not likely to contribute to the public's understanding of oil and gas operations or EPA's regulations of those operations. Disclosure of the names of these individuals and other identifying information potentially subjects them to unwarranted inquiries from the public or the requestors.

Chevron requests that EPA redact all information that identifies any individuals named in the LDAR Report including names, job titles, email addresses, and phone numbers.

If you have questions or need additional information about this response, please contact me at the number below.

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To: Basinger, David <[Basinger.David@epa.gov](mailto:Basinger.David@epa.gov)>

Subject: [**\*\*EXTERNAL\*\***] from USEPA Region IX: response requested within three business days of receipt

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has received a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for records containing information related to certain compliance records submitted to the EPA under the New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) for Oil and Gas (NSPS OOOOa). This FOIA request may be viewed at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/view/request?objectId=090004d28171d08c>. If you have difficulty pulling up the web page, you can try going to <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/>. Click on Search FOIA Requests, then enter EPA-HQ-2018-001886 in the Search Criteria/Search For field, and click Search.

The records requested include results of performance tests, initial semiannual reports for gas plants, semiannual reports for gas plants, annual reports and annual reports of excess emissions for sweetening units. We believe you may have made a submittal under one or more of the provisions §§60.5422a(b), 60.5422a(a), 60.5420a(b), or 60.5423a(b).

By your response to this email, please indicate whether you wish to assert a confidential business information (CBI) claim with respect to any portion of report submitted under §§60.5422a(b), 60.5422a(a), 60.5420a(b), or 60.5423a(b) or any addendum, update or attachment to report, that your company has submitted to EPA.

If you decide to assert such a claim, the EPA will temporarily treat the reports that you identify, and its updates, attachments and addenda, as confidential pending further investigation by the EPA. Please be advised that, as part of such further investigation, EPA is likely to request (in a subsequent communication) that you substantiate any CBI claim. If you do not assert a timely (see below) CBI claim with respect to any portion of a report or its addenda, updates or attachments, as described above, those records may be released to the requestor without further notice if EPA determines that the records are responsive to the FOIA request.

If you decide NOT to assert a CBI claim, please respond to this email and indicate your desire not to assert any CBI claims.

You have been identified by EPA as the responsible corporate official, under the FOIA regulations in 5 U.S.C. 552. Any CBI claim your company wishes to assert must be brought to the EPA's attention (by response to this email) no later than the close of business on the third working day from the date of this receipt by the responsible official (not including weekends). If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me by responding to this email or by phone (see below).

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